



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Indiana Department of Education

DATE: May 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Approved Waiver for 2009 National Middle School Association's Conference

The Indiana Department of Education has approved a waiver for November 6, 2009, for all middle schools to allow for staff attendance at the 2009 National Middle School Association's 36th annual conference, "Making a World of Difference," being held November 5-7 here in Indianapolis.

In February of 2008 the Indiana House of Representatives unanimously passed Resolution 28 encouraging Superintendents to send as many of their middle level educators as possible to this conference.

This is a tremendous opportunity for middle level (grades 4-8) administrators and teachers to attend workshops and hear featured speakers from all over the world discuss the latest in best practices and instructional strategies in all disciplines.

Over 250 workshops and 10 nationally renowned featured speakers are scheduled for November 6, 2009, which is the only day for which waivers will be approved.

Application for the waiver must be made by each school (middle schools, intermediates, academies) and the waiver model must be followed which includes pre and post requirements for professional development follow-up activities.

Special registration rates are available from NMSA for schools taking advantage of this opportunity. Complete information and clarification may be found on the Indiana Middle Level Education's website (www.imlea.org) or by calling the IMLEA office at 317-894-2937.